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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF TOMBALBAYE-DIORI TALKS

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1. FROM VERY RELIABLE DATT CONTACT CLOSE TO PRESIDENCY WE  
HAVE RECEIVED SUMMARY OF CHIEF SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED BY  
PRESIDENTS TOMBALBAYE AND DIORI DURING LATTER'S SURPRISE  
OVERNIGHT VISIT TO N'DJAMENA JANUARY 23 - 24 WHICH CONTINUES TO  
BE SUBJECT FOR SPECULATION IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

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2. DIORI SOUGHT AND OBTAINED CHAD'S ADHERENCE TO MEMBERSHIP IN RECENTLY CREATED GROUPING OF "STATES WITH SAHARAN RESPONSIBILITIES" CONSISTING OF ALGERIA, MAURITANIA, NIGER AND MALI FORMED AT MEETING LAST YEAR OF HEADS OF ABOVE STATES AT DEDICATION OF NEW SEGMENT OF TRANS-SAHARAN HIGHWAY IN ALGERIA.

3. A JOINT STATEMENT WOULD BE PUBLISHED BY PRESENT MEMBERS OF THIS NEW ENTENTE WELCOMING CHAD TO MEMBERSHIP. STATEMENT REPORTEDLY WOULD BE PHRASED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO INDICATE CHAD IS DRAWING AWAY FROM CLOSE TIES WITH LIBYA. APPARENTLY DIOORI EXPRESSED STRONG REGRET TO TOMBALBAYE THAT HE HAD ALLOWED QADHAFI TO ESTABLISH "TCHADO-LIBYAN DEVELOPMENT BANK" AT N'DJAMENA. (TOMBALBAYE PRESIDED AT OPENING OF BANK JANUARY 14.)

4. DIORI SOUGHT AND OBTAINED TOMBALBAYE'S SERVICES AS PEACE-MAKER BETWEEN SEKOU TOURE ON THE ONE HAND AND SENGHOR AND HOUPHOUET BOIGNY ON THE OTHER. REPORTEDLY TOMBALBAYE COMMITTED HIMSELF TO VISITING CONAKRY "VERY SOON".

5. DIORI ALSO SOUGHT AND OBTAINED TOMBALBAYE'S COMMITMENT TO ATTEND NEXT SUMMIT OF CILSS AT OUAGADOUGOU IN MARCH. DIORI APPARENTLY BELIEVED (QUITE RIGHTLY) THAT CHAD HAS SHOWN TOO LITTLE ZEAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMON SAHELIAN ZONE CONCLAVES.

COMMENT:

6. AS REPORTED REFTTEL THERE WAS MUCH SPECULATION BECAUSE OF TIMING OF VISIT THAT DIORI WAS BEING USED BY GOF TO SOFTEN UP TOMBALBAYE FOR PREDICTABLY DIFFICULT RESUMED FRANCO-CHADIAN "COOPERATION" TALKS WHICH STARTED IN N'DJAMENA LAST WEEK AND WHICH SEEM STILL TO BE AT IMPASSE. THIS STILL MAY BE TRUE BUT WE HAVE NO REAL EVIDENCE TO POINT TO.

7. OPENING OF LIBYAN BANK (WHICH HAS SOME MINORITY CHADIAN PARTICIPATION) WAS SINE QUA NON FOR INITIATION OF LONG-PROMISED LIBYAN AID PROGRAM AND INESCAPABLE REQUIREMENT IF POOR CHAD HOPES TO CASH IN ON ITS NEW POLICY OF CULTIVATING ARAB WORLD. WHILE POLICY HAS NOT YET PRODUCED ONE PENNY IN AID THAT WE CAN DISCERN IT IS CERTAINLY TOO EARLY FOR CHAD TO CONCLUDE THAT ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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PRO-ARAB POLICY HAS BEEN A FAILURE. FROM DOMESTIC STANDPOINT THIS POLICY HAS BEEN POPULAR PARTICULARLY WITH MUSLIM HALF OF POPULATION.

8. WE ARE NOT SURE HOW SERIOUSLY WE SHOULD VIEW CHADIAN ADHERENCE TO NEW SAHARAN ENTENTE, OF WHOSE EXISTENCE WE HAVE BEEN ONLY VAGUELY AWARE, NOR WHAT, BESIDES PLEASING OLD FRIEND DIORI, TOMBALBAYE STANDS TO GAIN BY IT.

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